Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division

Social Sciences Board

Approved by Teaching Audit Committee on 6 June 2014

Title of programme
MPhil in Geography and the Environment

Brief note about nature of change:
Amend arrangements for Standing Committee responsible for the programme, require identification of thesis supervisor by end of HT of 1st year, permit Standing Committee to define deadline for applications to transfer to MPhil in a given year, remove possibility for compensating marks to allow pass to progress to 2nd year, and require students to re-sit papers the following year, before proceeding to 2nd year.

Effective date
For students starting from 1 October 2014
For first examination from 2014-15 (Qualifying Exam)

Location of change
Online Examination Regulations

Detail of change
1. The Social Sciences Board shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee. The Course Director will be responsible to the Standing Committee.

2. (b) develop a thesis topic, the title and proposal for which will be submitted for approval to the Course Director by the end of Hilary Term of the first year, together
with the name and approval of a person who has agreed to act as their supervisor
during the preparation of the dissertation, on the date specified by the department.
Candidates registered for the M.Sc programmes listed in paragraph 2 may request
a transfer to the M.Phil degree by submitting an application by the deadline
stipulated by the Standing Committee.

3. Examinations at the end of the first year will serve to qualify for entry into the
second year of the M.Phil course. Candidates who fail one or more papers at the
end of the first year will be required to resit and pass the failed paper or papers,
normally when next offered the following year, before being permitted to proceed
with the degree.

Explanatory Notes
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